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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EFIN KN US
SUBJ: POSSIBLE BRITISH BANK CREDIT TO NORTH KOREA

1. ROK FOREIGN MINISTRY REPORTS THAT THEY HAD HEARD IN MARCH
OF AN ALLEGED INVITATION BY A BRITISH BANK OR GROUP OF BANKS
FOR PYONGYANG TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO LONDON FOR DISCUSSION
OF A \$100 MILLION LOAN TO NORTH KOREA TO BE GUARANTEED BY PRC.
SUBSEQUENTLY, MOFA REPORTS, THEY HAVE HEARD THE NORTH KOREANS
ARE BUYING COMMODITIES IN WESTERN EUROPE WITH CHECKS ISSUED BY
A BRITISH BANK. WHILE REPORTS RECEIVED DO NOT INDICATE IDENTITY
OF THIS BANK, MOFA IS CONVINCED IT WAS NOT NORODNY OR ONE OF THE
OTHER COMMUNIST FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

2. ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEES CAN PROVIDE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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